

San Francisco & San Jose Railroad Station
1100 Merrill Street
Menlo Park
San Mateo County
California

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY San Mateo	TOWN OR VICINITY Menlo Park
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) San Francisco & San Jose Railroad Station		HABS NO. CA-1994
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1100 Merrill St.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1867	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The oldest railroad station still in use in California, this station was built in 1867 by the first incorporated railroad line in the state. The coming of the railroad marked the beginning of a double transformation: the growth of the town and the development of the countryside by fashionable estates. The railroad reduced the traveling time from Menlo Park to San Francisco from 3 hours to 80 mins.		
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MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wood frame with channeled siding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Originally 40' x 22'; now 97' x 32'; one story. See measured drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof with cross gable, jigsawn cresting, finials, pendants, and more, pent roofs and hoodmolds over openings. Originally a simple rectangle with bay window on southeast and cross gable on northeast.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Large glass ticket window with drawers and cabinets.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1870s: room added on south corner. 1890s: 15'x32' section added to northwest end; bay window under cross gable on northeast side added, doors changed to windows, much applied ornament added. 1917: waiting shed on northwest added to accommodate increased traffic due to Camp Fremont.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Office of Chamber of Commerce since 1960.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places. Dorothy F. Regnery, <u>An Enduring Heritage</u> (Stanford: Stanford U. Press, 1976), pp. 48-50.		
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